



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08350.0444-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Volodymyr V. KINDRATENKO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2671  
Application No.: 09/997,030 ) Examiner: Whelpley, Michael V.  
Filed: November 30, 2001 )  
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ) Confirmation No.: 6132  
HIDDEN OBJECT REMOVAL )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a reply to the Office Action of May 20, 2004. The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

The claims are calculated below:

|   | Claims Remaining<br>After Amendment |   | Highest Number<br>Previously Paid | Present<br>Extra | Rate                           | Additional<br>Fee |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Total   | 27                                  | - | 27                                | 0                | x \$ 18                        | \$ 0              |
| Indep.  | 6                                   | - | 3                                 | 3                | x \$ 86                        | 258.00            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) |                                     |   |                                   |                  | +\$290                         | 0                 |
|   |                                     |   |                                   |                  | Subtotal                       | \$ 258.00         |
|   |                                     |   |                                   |                  | Reduction by ½ if small entity | - 0               |
|   |                                     |   |                                   |                  | TOTAL                          | \$ 258.00         |

A fee of \$258.00 to cover the cost of the additional independent claims added by this reply is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: August 20, 2004

By:   
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